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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE  
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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ETRD, HA

SUBJECT: TEXTILES  
REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 2529  
1. ON AUGUST 5, HAITIAN EMBASSY REQUESTED INCREASE IN  
ONE MILLION SYE CONSULTATION LEVEL FOR CAT. 51 (WOMEN'S  
COTTON TROUSERS), SHIPMENTS OF WHICH HAVE REACHED LIMIT  
AND ARE NOW IN EMBARGO. ON AUGUST 10, COMMITTEE FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS (CITA) AGREED TO  
PROPOSE MERGER OF CATEGORIES 50 AND 51, FOR SECOND  
AGREEMENT YEAR AT 1.7 MILLION SYE LEVEL. HAITIAN  
SHIPMENTS IN CAT. 50 ARE ONLY ABOUT 178,000 SYE, THROUGH  
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JUNE 30, LEAVING ABOUT 522,000SYE FOR COMBINED CATEGORY  
FOR REST OF YEAR. WE WILL INFORM HAITIAN EMBASSY OF  
PROPOSAL AND, IF THEY AGREE, PROMPTLY EXCHANGE NOTES  
AMENDING AGREEMENT.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, HAITIANS HAVE ASKED TO SCHEDULE  
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS LEVELS FOR EIGHT

CATEGORIES. US IS IN PROCESS OF CHANGING TEXTILE CATEGORY SYSTEM AND IS DISCUSSING CHANGES IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE NECESSITATED BY USE OF NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM. PLEASE INFORM GOH THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS BOTH MATTERS WITH THEM DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 3,

IN WASHINGTON. ANY INFORMATION WHICH THEY COULD PROVIDE IN ADVANCE ON REQUESTED INCREASES WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL; WE WILL FURNISH THEM WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THEIR TRADE, IN NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM, SO THAT THEY MAY ALSO PREPARE FOR TALKS. WE DO NOT EXPECT OR WISH TO RENEGOTIATE ENTIRE AGREEMENT DURING TALKS; RATHER, WE HOPE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THEIR REQUESTS AND ON MINIMUM CHANGES NECESSARY TO MAKE BILATERAL AGREEMENT CORRESPOND TO NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM. DEPT WILL ALSO INFORM HAITIAN EMBASSY OF SUGGESTED TIME AND TOPICS FOR TALKS. CHRISTOPHER

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